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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF CUBA
FROM ALL PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANS AND AGENCIES
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Draft Resolution presented by the Delegations of Colombia,
Panama, Paraguay, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Peru,
Costa Rica, Haiti, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic.)

WHEREAS:

The inter-American system is based on consistent adherence by its constituent states to certain objectives and principles of solidarity, set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance;

Among these objectives and principles are those of respect for the freedom of man and preservation of his rights, the full exercise of representative democracy, nonintervention of one state in the internal or external affairs of another, and rejection of alliances and agreements that would lead to intervention in America by extracontinental powers;

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in San José, Costa Rica, condemned the intervention or the threat of intervention of extracontinental communist powers in the hemisphere and reiterated the obligation of the American states to submit to the discipline of the inter-American system;

The present Government of Cuba has identified itself with the principles of Marxist-Leninist ideology, has established a political, economic, and social system based on that doctrine, and accepts military assistance from extracontinental communist powers, including even the threat of military intervention in America on the part of the Soviet Union;

The Report of the Inter-American Peace Committee to the Eighth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs establishes that:

The present connections of the Government of Cuba with the Sino-Soviet bloc of countries are evidently incompatible with the principles and standards that govern the regional system, and particularly with the collective security established by the Charter of the OAS and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance page 39;

The abovementioned Report of the Inter-American Peace Committee also states that:

It is evident that the ties of the Cuban Government with the Sino-Soviet bloc will prevent the said government from fulfilling the obligations stipulated in the Charter of the Organization and the Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance page 40;

Such a situation in an American state violates the duties inherent in membership in the regional system and is incompatible with the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance;

The attitude adopted by the present Government of Cuba and its acceptance of military assistance offered by extracontinental communist powers undermines the effective defense of the geographic security region defined in Article 4 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance; and

Article 6 of that Treaty authorizes the Organ of Consultation to take the measures necessary for the common defense and for the maintenance of the peace and security of the hemisphere in the event of "any...fact or situation that might endanger the peace of America,"

The Eighth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Serving as Organ of Consultation in Application of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance

DECLARES:

1. That, as a consequence of repeated acts of its government, Cuba has voluntarily placed itself outside the inter-American system;

2. That this situation demands continued vigilance on the part of the member states of the Organization of American States, who should report to the Council any fact or situation that could endanger the peace and security of the hemisphere;

3. That the American states have a collective interest in strengthening the inter-American system and reuniting it on the basis of respect for human rights and the principles, objectives, and measures for the exercise of democracy set forth in the Charter of the Organization; and

RESOLVES:

1. To exclude the present Government of Cuba from all participation in the organs and agencies of the inter-American system so long as the conditions that give rise to this resolution exist.

2. To ask the Council of the Organization of American States to make recommendations or take decisions that will lead to complete solidarity of the hemisphere and geographic unity in its defense and, if necessary, to convoke the Organ of Consultation.